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Ms. Carol Jones Associate A-95 Coordinator State Planning Coordinators Office 124 State Capitol Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Carol:

Concerning Corps of Engineers SPKCO-0, E81-120 (Ref. UT810601-020), we have reviewed the unauthorized placement of fill material in the Colorado River near Moab, Utah, and offer the following comments and recommendations.

We do not feel the illegal fill material should be removed because this dredging would create a greater siltation impact than now exists; however, no further fill material should be allowed in the river. In addition, we feel the area of the violation should be revegetated with an appropriate vegetative cover mixture and restored to its natural condition to the greatest extent possible. Although we do not condone after-the-fact permits, we would not object to processing a 404 permit for the fill which is in place.

Sincerely,

Douglas F. Day

Director